



Our Lady of the Annunciation

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Weekdays after 10am Mass Every Saturday at 5pm Or by appointment

11th November 2018 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (page 154 of Parish Mass Book) YEAR B

I have to apologise for causing some distress last week in preaching about grave sin in the context of something that, on the surface seems so insignificant; abstaining from meat on Friday. The main focus of what I was trying to say is that, as Christians, we commit ourselves freely to following rules we believe to be divinely inspired in scripture, and as Catholics, that are enshrined in the tradition of the church. We do so because we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves, and to follow his law, summarised by Jesus as 'Love God above all things and your neighbor as yourself,' is what is best for us. Acknowledging this eases the burden we feel (if burden it is) from being under discipline.

I understand that the church has been guilty at various times in the past of focusing solely on sin, punishment and the 'fear of the Lord,' and has not been particularly scrupulous in declaring God's eagerness to forgive and to rejoice for the sheep that was lost but is now found. The truth is that love, repentance for the forgiveness of sin, the promise of life eternal, all lie at the heart of the Gospel but are inseparable. One cannot consider any one theme in isolation without obscuring the big picture.

It is not within my remit to free us altogether from the demands of faith, or even soften the churches language in relation to sin. However, I can remind you of Christ's words in the Gospel of John, words that bring me, a sinner, comfort and courage in equal measure; "God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved." Jn3.17

God bless.

Fr Keith.

Mass Intentions This Week

10 November: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service

18:00 Deceased Members of the Sweeney & Heskin Families

11 November: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

08:30 Kathleen Ryan RIP *

Armistice Commemoration Mass

10:00 Jim Tully RIP ~

12:00 Holy Souls +

14:00 Igbo Community Mass

12 November: Monday

10:00 Catherine Crowley RIP

13 November: Tuesday

10:00 Dan & Pat Aherne RIP

19:30 Confirmation Reconciliation Service For All Parents & Candidates

14 November: Wednesday

10:00 Holy Souls

15 November: Thursday

10:00 Annunciata & Deogratius Lumala RIP

16 November: Friday

10:00 Jeremiah Linehan & Darragh Crowley RIP

17 November: Saturday

10:00 Eucharistic Service

18:00 Michael Walsh RIP #

18 November: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY

08:30 Martha Periera RIP #

10:00 Ines, Gerald & Godwin Zampa #

12:00 Osvaldas Pagirys RIP #

+ *With Baptism*

~ *With Uniformed Groups*

* *With Children's Liturgy*

With Foodbank Sunday

MEETINGS

Diversity Arts & Craft Group: Monday 12th at 7pm (Small Hall)

SVP: Tuesday 13th at 8pm (PRC)

RCIA: The Sacrament of Reconciliation & Confession

Wednesday 14th at 8pm (Large Hall)

Community Sponsorship Group: Thursday 15th at 7.30pm (Small Hall)

Safeguarding Committee: Thursday 15th at 7.30pm (PRC)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 10.30am - 8pm

In The Sacred Heart Chapel

CHURCH CLEANING: Team A

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose cash £ 816.85

Gift Aid Envelopes £ 859.78

S/Os £ 975.00

Total £ 2651.63

COLLECTIONS

Last week's ACA collection for *Sr Carol* amounted to £754.00. Many thanks. This week there will be a second collection for the *Archbishop's Admin Fund*. (Gift Aid-able)

We pray for the sick in our Parish: Elizabeth Damsel, Fr David Peck, Sheila Minus, Lauren Horwood, Sharon Gillett, Dominic Audibert-Moloney, Marc Simpson

We pray for parishioners whose anniversaries occur this Week: Sr. Joseph, Samir Nasr, Peter Pender, Dorothy Lloyd-Jones, Muriel McGuinness, Mabel Moniz, Mary Gorman, Theresa Morgan, John Grove, Joan Cooper, Maud West, Jan Jankowski, Alan Crabb, Lydia Collins, Joseph McNaughton, Alistair Aitchison, Phil Hennessy, Eileen McGreal, Barry Crofts, Muriel McGuinness, Ned Duffin

SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday Evening Entertainment

Sunday, 11th November: Pat Hayes
Sunday, 18th November: The Mustang Showband
Sunday, 25th November: Gerry Kelly
Sunday, 2nd December: Mary Rose & Her Band
Sunday, 9th December: The Mustang Showband
Sunday, 16th December: Eugene Doonan

All tickets for the *Declan Nerney Evening* on Friday, 30th November have been sold. Admission on the evening will be **strictly by ticket only**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the *King's College Hospital CCU (Critical Care Unit) Appeal*. You can still support this event by donating items for the Raffle and / or Auction.

The Annual Fundraising Event for the *Anerley ACROSS Charity* will take place on Friday, 7th December with entertainment by Eugene Doonan. Tickets at £5.00 each are now on sale in the Social Club. Tickets can be reserved by calling Ben Cahill on 07958 903410. You can also support this event by donating items for the Raffle and / or Auction.

Coming soon

Tina Turner Tribute Evening: Friday, 18th January

Mick Flavin: Friday, 15th March

RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are sad to announce the recent death of **Anne Hazel**. Our sympathies go to her family. Please keep them in your prayers at this sad time.

The funeral of **Vera Locke** will take place here at Our Lady's on **Friday 23rd November at 10am**.

AUTUMN FAYRE PRESENTATIONS

On **Sunday, 2nd December** at the end of 10am Mass, we will be presenting our six nominated charities with the proceeds from the recent Autumn Fayre. Each charity will receive a cheque in excess of £1,180.00.

After Mass, tea & coffee will be served in the Church Hall. There will also be a **sale of Children's Bicycles**, which are in good condition. If you have a bicycle at home, in good condition that could be included in the sale, please bring it to the **Church Hall at 3.00pm on Saturday, 24th November**. All of the proceeds from the **Sale** will be used to purchase toys for children in need.

The Autumn Fayre team are very grateful for the continued support from our Parish Community.

DECEASED CROYDON DEANERY CLERGY MASS

Our Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **St Mary's** on **Wednesday 14th November at 12:10 pm**. All are welcome to attend!

TRAIDCRAFT: Have advised that very difficult trading conditions have made it impossible to maintain their business *as it is* beyond the end of the year. A review in 2019 will lead to a revamped business model.

You are encouraged to visit <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/> to support them and to enable them to continue helping farmers and producers in third world countries. Remember - what Traidcraft does overseas is Catholic Social Teaching in action.

The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Group

BATTERY RECYCLING: Although Croydon Council is now collecting used batteries, we will continue to collect them here for those who find it more convenient as we already have an arrangement in place with a battery recycling service.

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES

Priest's reference application forms are available to download from our website and appointments are already underway. Please return the completed form to the presbytery before ringing to arrange a time with Fr Keith. Appointments will be available until **Friday 16th November**.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER LIST

We invite you to take a Holy Souls envelope from the table at the back of the church. Write a list of any family and friends who have died, and put it in the envelope. These envelopes are placed in our Memorial chapel (in the Lady Chapel) and your deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

Any donations in the envelopes are used as Mass stipends for Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.

FOODBANK SUNDAY SPEAKER

A speaker from the Vine Food Bank in New Addington is coming to speak at next Sunday's 10am Mass. Can we please make a special effort to ensure that she is hugely impressed with our commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, by swamping her with food supplies?

COFFEE & A CAKE AFTER WEDNESDAY 10AM MASS

A month or so ago, many of those attending the Wednesday morning Mass filed into the hall afterwards for a beverage, bakes and banter. The numbers have dwindled recently which is a pity; for last week three parishioners cooked a selection of wonderful cakes as well as savouries, giving the reduced numbers a real challenge to finish them!

The cost is just a £1 each or more if you wish this including a free raffle. **All takings are donated to various charities.**

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Sunday 25th November 2 - 4pm in the Large Hall

I have a small supply of rings for sale to make the wreaths; please contact me by Monday 19th November if you need one. Bring garden clippers/scissors, gloves, and any candles, greenery or decorations you wish to add. **Call or text Joanna on 07793 826103**

CONSIDER OUR NEIGHBOURS!

We have recently received a number of complaints from our neighbours along Bingham Road regarding bad parking and blocking of driveways by our parishioners before Mass. We appreciate that our car park is not large enough to accommodate every vehicle, however this should not mean that our neighbours are inconvenienced in any way or be unable to access their own properties. Therefore we ask all parishioners driving to Mass, to please leave in good time, so that if the car park is already full, they can find suitable parking elsewhere that does not cause an obstruction. Thank you.

THANK YOU!

Patrick Ryan and family would like to thank all the Parish for their support, help, kind words, mass cards and donations after the death of his wife Kathleen.

ST MILDRED'S DROP-IN

For the Homeless is open every Sunday and provides a safe, caring environment for all those in need. As well as friendship and support, practical help such as hot food, showers and clean clothes are provided. With winter approaching, more volunteers are needed to ensure that this vital local service continues. If you are interested in helping, or just want more information, please contact me - shirleyrowe25@hotmail.com

Items for collection: Dr A X Horbury, L Padain, Mr & Mrs Achilleas, C Wallace, C Domenicali

Baptism certificates: A Czajor, B Carroll

Rotas: Eucharistic Ministers (November) Servers (November) Repository (Nov/Dec) Readers (Nov/Dec)